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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 761

Chairperson: Ray Aguilar
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill creates a task force to study the impact that a future Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) Commission could have on Nebraska's current military installations and missions. The United States Department of Defense routinely examines existing military installations and mission overseas and in the United States, seeking ways to increase military efficiency. Once an installation or mission makes the BRAC Commission's list for closing or realignment, it is extremely difficult to have it removed from the list.

The BRAC Task Force members would include the Adjutant General or his designee; the President of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce or her designee; the President of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce or her designee; the President of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry or his designee; the Commander of the Offutt Air Force Base or his designee; the Chairperson of the board of directors of the Lincoln Airport Authority or his designee; two at-large members; and two state senators.

The BRAC Task Force would be responsible for identifying the military installations and missions in Nebraska most vulnerable to the base realignment and closure process; identifying the military installations and missions in Nebraska most likely to benefit from the base realignment and closure process; reviewing the actions taken by other states to protect their military installations and missions; making recommendations as to what actions, if any, Nebraska should take to protect its military installations and missions; making recommendations as to what actions, if any, Nebraska should take to increase the likelihood of benefiting from future base realignment and closure processes; and submitting a final report to the Governor and the Legislature.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Bill Avery